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AMERICAN METROLOGICAL SOCIETY,

OFFICE OF SECRETARY,

Columbia University, Cor. 49th St. & Madison Ave.

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U.S. MINT, PHILA.

New York, April 28, 1896. *189*

Director of the Mint,

Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly inform me whether the 5 cent nickle coin weighs exactly 5 grams. Alao I would be glad to know whether any Metric equivalents of weight or Linear measure are used in the other coins?.

I am,

Yours very truly,

J. K. Rees Secretary.

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965 MINT of U. S. PHILADELPHIA.
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American Metrological Soc.
J. H. Rees Sec.
New York,
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exactly 5 grams,

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Weight 77.16 grains. Composed of 75 per Cent Copper, and 25 per cent Nickel.
The weight, 77.16 grains, equals 5 grams.

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Quarter dollar	96 "		6¼ "
Dime	38.4 "		2½ "

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[Enclosed note:]

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